Book Review

**Title:** Words in My Hands: A Teacher, a Deaf-Blind Man, an Unforgettable Journey

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An entirely new world opened to me when I got to know the people portrayed in this book, the world where willpower prevails over the physical possibility (or rather impossibility), the world of super challenges and the world in which people never say die.

Sometimes (or perhaps very often) there happen to be moments in everybody’s life when a person seems to come to his limits, when he/she seems to be ruined by desperate failures and frustrations. And if this person, in addition to his mental troubles, is physically disadvantaged, then there comes the time for a choice, for weighing all pros and cons, for considering all good and bad sides in the endeavor to find a possible equilibrium for further existence. And sometimes it may happen so that the negative part of the life can prevail and can come dominating over you and would demand an immediate choice from you so urgently, that you can hardly breathe, that you seem completely disoriented and lost…And here would come such characters, such people, such heroes as pictured in this book, and they will give you a warm welcoming hand through the darkness of desperation and would cast a majestic light onto your life road. And you will suddenly understand where to go and what to do as you are enlightened by their desire to live, to enjoy life no matter how hard it can be.

These are the thoughts that came to me when I read this book, as I read it not with my eyes, but with my heart. I do not see the words and decipher their meaning. I see the real life, I feel the burning heart beating extending its influence far beyond the limits of words. And I feel the same that Burt—the main hero felt, I am groping in darkness together with him when he is trying to get through his physical disability, I am growing with him, and I begin to breathe new air—the air of real freedom and independence, which makes me see what was hidden from me as I saw things as they appear before my eyes but I could not see things which were secretly hidden in hearts and minds of people.

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Words in My Hands: A Teacher, A Deaf-Blind Man, An Unforgettable Journey. 4.36 (11 ratings by Goodreads). Paperback. Diane finds her world transformed as well by her relationship with her unique deaf-blind student. Words in My Hands is a true story of their unforgettable journey. show more. Product details. Format Paperback | 258 pages. Read "Words in My Hands: A Teacher, A Deaf-Blind Man, An Unforgettable Journey" by Diane Lane Chambers available from Rakuten Kobo. Bert Riedel, an eighty-six-year-old deaf-blind pianist, cut off from the world since age forty-five, discovers a new life... Get 1 credit every month to exchange for an audiobook of your choice. *No commitment, cancel anytime. Remove. Start studying Deaf Blind Test Review. Learn vocabulary, terms and more with flashcards, games and other study tools. What are the 4 things found on a Tactical Card? - object that can be felt - the word in print - the word in Braille - a picture of how to sign the word. In the video on Interveners, what do they say the word intervention implies? linking orbiting a liaison between the deaf blind population to the world that is sighted and hearing. How do Interveners assist Deaf Blind People?